

very much, and the prospects are that he will be better than ever when he strikes form again. It is not certain that he will be a starter in the New Zealand Cup, which is a good race to win, but a bad one to lose, as it often happens that the hard preparation necessary and the race takes so much out of a horse that he is not seen at his best again afterwards.

The weights for the Egmont Racing Club's spring meeting, to be held on Thursday, the 19th inst., are not due until Thursday, September 12, but as Mr. H. Coyle is fairly sure to give satisfaction with his adjustments, the various events are likely to be well contested. It will be interesting to see how Zola shapes in the Hack Hurdles, in which he will have to prove himself fairly good to beat Paraoa, if he starts, and Waitotere can be depended upon to run a decent race.

Hyginas, Staccato and Rewi Poto should be very prominent in the Taiwhiti Handicap, and Coropet will have his work cut out to repeat his Marton victory.

With Robur, Duchess Eudorus and Royal Park engaged in the Waihi Hack a good race is assured. Zela ran well enough at Marton to suggest that she will be hard to beat when next seen out.

The Ladies' Bracelet Steeplechase is likely to provide an interesting contest. Tirau was expected by some good judges to win at Marton, and was prominent for a couple of miles. Lady Bibbero and King's Park should also run well.

If Duchess Eudorus is started in the Telegraph Handicap in preference to the Waihi Hack, she will be well tested if she bumps against Pennon and Staccato, a pair which can gallop five furlongs at a great bat.

J. Peachey had Miss Fisher looking pretty well at Marton, and she ran well enough to point to her as likely to be heard of soon. She will probably be taken to Hawera and should run well, as she appears to have brightened up after last week's race.

The three other inmates of Peachey's stable—the half-sister to Impediment, the four-year-old son of Signor—Helen Portland, and the five-year-old gelding by Booringa (a son of Sir Foote) out of Right Wild—are coming along well in their preparations. All three give promise of being useful when properly ready. They will probably be seen in action at the Waverley meeting on Labour Day.

Dasher Boy was taken to Marton to contest the Hack Hurdles, and looked bright and well, but was not started, as the boy who had been engaged to ride the Strowan gelding failed to keep his engagement.

Castlewood had bad luck at Marton in being left several lengths at the start of the Hack Hurdles, and had no chance of showing what he could do. The Sylvanite gelding jumped well, and later on might show up over the small sticks.

Mr. C. G. Young, of Messrs. Young and Collins, who has been on a health recruiting trip to the United States and England, brought back with him on his return last week a very handsome solid silver prize cup, which he secured to the order of Mr. George Spriggins. The cup, which is valued at 50 guineas, is to be presented by Mr. Spriggins to the Wanganui Trotting Club. It is a massive trophy of chaste design, standing 14 inches high on its 5-inch base of beautifully-turned ebony.

CANTERBURY.

Cynic to Join F. D. Jones' Team—Good Hope's Improvement Over Hurdles—Glendower's New Zealand Cup Engagement—Juveniles in Work at Riccarton.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Riccarton trainers are bustling many of their charges along in view of forthcoming meetings at Amberley, Ashburton and Geraldine.

F. D. Jones is expecting an addition to his team in the imported horse Cynic, who is to be given a preparation for the New Zealand Cup. One of his older charges in Comely has finished her racing career, and will shortly be mated with the imported stallion Clanenceux.

Percy Mason has just taken in hand a very promising two-year-old filly by Kilbroney from the Grafton mare Iberia. She is owned by Mr. G. D. Greenwood, who is at present on a trip to Queensland.

Very fair support has been accorded the Ashburton Racing Club for its spring meeting, which takes place on the 19th and 20th inst. Included in the entrants for the principal events are several horses who can

be regarded as likely to figure in the New Zealand Cup.

The Wellington sportsman, Mr. H. Whitney, is a liberal supporter of southern meetings, and intends sending a small team down for the Ashburton meeting. His members will also race at Geraldine and Dunedin before returning home.

The Blenheim-owned Good Hope continues to show improvement in his schooling tasks at Riccarton. He is booked to make his first attempt over hurdles at the Ashburton meeting.

Gay Lad and Saxby are being hurried along by W. McDonald in view of early engagements. Both are in great heart, and should pay their way this season.

R. Derrett is slipping the work into Margerine, who will probably be raced at Dunedin. The same mentor has just taken in hand a promising two-year-old by The Welkin from Madama.

Kiljoy and Glendower are both going on nicely in their preparations, and both will sport silk at Ashburton. The latter is already one of the most discussed candidates for the New Zealand Cup.

The Chokebore three-year-olds, Long Range, Heathercote and Lionskin, are all doing well in their preparations. The same stable is also represented on the tracks by several very promising two-year-olds.

During the past week a number of juveniles have been given sprinting tasks and also been exercised at the barrier. Amongst them were: Surveyor, Flight-Commander, St. Anton, Sans Souci, Soinc Kid, Some Kiss, Wild Night, Onslaught, Irish Elegance and Telemo.

An old-time Canterbury sportsman in Mr. George McClure met his death a few days ago as the result of a motor car mishap. Many years ago, Mr. McClure owned The Idler, a successful hurdler, and Much-a-do.

After being out of commission for some weeks, the plough track at Riccarton has been turned up and regraded. It should be in excellent order in the course of a week or so.

Private advice has been received from Sydney that Biplane is rather backward as a result of his brief indisposition. As he is a colt that takes plenty of galloping, Mason will have a task in getting him quite ready for the A.J.C. meeting.

LATER.

Scornful and Disdainful in Great Buckle—Prospects of the Amberley Meeting—Almoner Progresses Well in Preparation at Randwick for A.J.C. Derby.

(By Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent.)

Murray Aynsley has Scornful and Disdainful in great buckle just at present, and both should be returned winners in the near future. Arrangements have been made for H. Gray to do this stable's riding at the Dunedin spring meeting.

King of the Valley will be raced in hack events at Ashburton, and should the going happen to be heavy he is almost sure to show up prominently.

H. Young is back again in Christchurch after his trip to Australia, and will do most of the Chokebore stable riding this season. He will have the mount on Onslaught in the Trial Plate at Amberley, and if the son of Antagonist races up to track form he should take a lot of beating.

Art has been galloping particularly well since the National meeting, and is bound to keep the opposition busy in the Jumpers' Flat Race at Amberley.

Disdainful and Melee should be hard to dispose of in the Amberley Cup. The latter is reported to have made great improvement since last sporting silk, and is likely to start favourite.

Derby Day has come on a lot since the National meeting, and should keep the opposition busy in the Hack Handicap at Amberley, while Braid is well placed in the Wattle Handicap.

Mr. G. L. Stead leaves in the course of a few days to witness Almoner race in the A.J.C. Derby. Word is to hand that the Boniform colt has done well since his arrival at Randwick.

CHILDREN'S RESTLESSNESS.

A feverish and fretful child is a great bother in a household and disturbs the rest of others. Narcotics and soothing syrups should be avoided. Half-teaspoonful doses of Fluenzol (1/8 and 2/8) will rapidly allay feverishness without any injurious effects whatsoever. Health authorities commend Fluenzol.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING MEETING.

RECORD CROWD AND GREAT FIELDS.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

The spring meeting of the Marton Jockey Club was held on Wednesday in fine but dull weather. It rained very heavily the previous day and during the night, but fortunately cleared before racing started, though the track was heavy and it was very wet under foot. There was a record attendance, and the big crowd was provided with some excellent sport, the fields being remarkably large and the racing of a most interesting and thoroughly enjoyable description. As this gathering marks the opening of the new season on this coast the racing is always watched with keen interest in view of future meetings. It is safe to say that several of the unsuccessful horses seen out on Wednesday for the first time were ticked off as likely to be heard of later on when the tracks are firmer, the going, combined with the big fields, preventing them from doing their best on Wednesday. Some fine dividends were paid, which was not to be wondered at in the circumstances. The management of the meeting was good and reflected credit on the club, which is to be congratulated on the success achieved. Mr. Arthur Way, the secretary, had the arrangements in capital order, and he is deserving of great praise for the smooth manner in which the programme was got through. Mr. H. Coyle had good reason to be satisfied with his handicapping, which was largely responsible for the big fields and capital racing, while Mr. C. O'Connor, the starter, got in some of his best work at the barrier. Speculation was very brisk, the sum of £30,777 being handled, as compared with £22,184 last year.

Proceedings opened with the Hack Hurdles, for which nine were withdrawn, thirteen facing the starter. The start was an indifferent one, four or five getting away badly, Castelwood being left several lengths. Atuatoro and Janitor made the early running, and then Bjorneborg took command and led to the last hurdle, where Paraoa, coming with a fine run, got on terms, and going on won by two lengths. Castelwood was never able to get near the leaders, and finished a long way back, last. Undecided was prominent at the bend, but then dropped back.

The great field of twenty-nine lined up in the Trial Hack, Mr. Jas. Bull's pair, Tit Willow and Omahu, carrying the bulk of the money. Kipling received solid support, while Moutoa Ivanova and Cotillion both had a number of friends. The last-named got all the best of the start and led to the bend, where Moutoa Ivanova moved up and headed Cotillion. Once heads were turned for home Matatua came with a fine rush, and, catching Moutoa Ivanova, went on to win nicely. The winner showed good form, and is evidently a bit above the ordinary, but three or four of those which finished behind the three-year-old Birkenhead gelding are likely to be heard of to advantage later on, notably Cotillion, Hessian, Kipling, Tit Willow and Moutoa Ivanova.

Five were withdrawn from the Hack Steeplechase, eleven facing the starter, Gaekwar, the topweight, carrying most money, Tirau coming next in public estimation. Lady Renown toppled over at the first obstacle, and Juan fell at the back. Tirau was in front for the greater part of the journey, but Foeman and Gaekwar passed the Spalpeen gelding in the straight, Foeman passing the post well clear of Gaekwar, but the latter got the stake, Foeman having gone inside a flag, as did also Tirau, which finished third, as did Kurnalpi and Hoatu. King's Park and Dunrobin were placed second and third. There can be little doubt but that Foeman would have won had he gone the right course, and it was therefore very unlucky for his connections and his backers that the mistake should have been made by his rider.

Altercation was the only defection from the Marton Handicap, fourteen being left in. Colonel Soult carried most money, All Over being slightly better fancied than Lady Louise, the best backed of the others being Kauri King. From a good start Detroit was the first to show out, but was steadied, Orleans carrying on the running for half the distance, when All Over took charge, but Rio quickly displaced the All Red gelding. Rio led into the straight from All Over, but Multaine and Detroit raced to the front once heads were turned for home, Detroit getting the verdict comfortably from

Multaine. All Over found the distance too far for him and dropped back to sixth. Colonel Soult was prominent at the bend, but then faded right out of the contest. Arrowfield was never in the fighting line.

There were eight starters in the Rangitikei Steeplechase, Lady Renown declining her engagement. Gladful was made a warm favourite and won easily. Marton took the lead at the start, and opened up a big gap, but after going two miles Gladful and Merry Jack passed him, the favourite winning as he liked by four lengths, Marton being 100 yards away, third. Nita and Papatere were the only others to finish, Ormesby falling, Arlington running off a mile from home, and Record losing his rider at the back, half a mile from home. Gladful showed his ability to jump the big fences, though he struck the stone wall a quarter of a mile from home very hard, when racing with Merry Jack. He lost three or four lengths, but got going again and had too much pace for the Merriwee gelding in the run home.

The Electric Hack Handicap was contested by fifteen, Oratress being most fancied, though there was solid support for Vladieau, Rajput and Idle Talk. Rajput jumped off in front, followed closely by Livland, the former leading into the straight, where Penury Rose came with a good run and scored in fine style from Rajput, Gold Problem running up into third place, just ahead of Zela and two or three others. Duchess Eudorus ran well enough to suggest that she will get amongst the winners very shortly.

Coropett paid a thumping dividend in the Railway Handicap, in which 18 started, Hyginas being the popular pick, though there was good money for Bo-Peep, Devotion, Glenroy and Elocution. In the early stages of the race Demos made play, and he looked a winner at the turn into the straight but then cracked up, apparently not being quite ready yet. Elocution and Coropett went to the front, but Astrophel came with a rattle, but could not catch Coropett, the Coronet gelding finishing well. Glenroy was fourth. The favourite was never prominent, and neither was Bo-Peep.

For the concluding event, the Hack Welter, 22 saddled up, Royal Park being made a firm favourite. Endure and Turpinite were also well backed. It was a good race, War Scot, Hastie and Royal Park racing in that order to the turn for home, where the favourite took command, and, going on, won comfortably from Wapping. The latter put in a brilliant finish, and his turn should come soon.

The results were:—

HACK HURDLES of 130sovs. One mile and a-half.
1—Slattery and Lile's b g Paraoa, by King Rufus—The Boyne, aged, 10.8 (A. Ward) 1
3—C. Prior's b g Bjorneborg, 5yrs, 9.7 (S. Henderson) 2
7—A. Symes' ch m Waitotere, aged, 9.3 (F. Flynn) 3
Also started: 4 Vacuum 10.9 (W. D. Young), 5 Dancaster 9.12 (J. Preston), 9 Atuatoro 9.6 (F. Tutchen), 2 Undecided 9.3 (H. McSeweeney), 8 Janitor 9.3 (A. McDonald), 10 Manawapanga 9.0 (R. Thompson), 11 Gwynne 9.0 (D. Packer), 12 Miss Lark 9.0 (R. McSeweeney), 13 Whetoki 9.0 (K. Lambess), 14 Castlewood 9.0 (E. Copestake), 6 Classification 9.0 (J. Kaan).
Won by two lengths, four lengths between second and third. Janitor was fourth. Time, 2min 59 3-5sec.

TRIAL HACK PLATE of 110sovs. Five furlongs.
4—F. Jensen's b g Matatua, by Birkenhead—Sunbonnet, 3yrs, 7.11 (C. Reed) 1
6—F. S. Easton's b f Moutoa Ivanova, 3yrs, 7.9 (M. McCarten) 2
7—W. W. McKegg's b f Utawai, 5yrs (C. Carmont) 3
Also started: 11 Kamanawanui 8.13 (L. Nodder), 14 Wakatuku 9.13 (A. McDonald), 9 Toddy 8.13 (H. Robinson), 19 De Geur 8.13 (P. Holland), 8 Khatmandu 8.13 (W. Price), 9 Gatherer 8.11 (A. McFlinn), 12 Belle of the Camp 8.11 (R. McSeweeney), 18 Bernice 8.13 (N. Hawken), 6 Lagan 8.11 (J. Roach), 1 Omahu 8.11 (H. H. Morris) and Tit Willow 7.9 (L. Morris) coupled, 10 Newland 8.11 (H. Goldfinch), 13 Blighty 8.9 (C. Emerson), 16 Courtfield 8.0 (A. Reed), 2 Kipling 8.0 (C. Price), 18 Jingleform 8.0 (R. Edgar), 16 Admiration 7.11 (H. McEwen), 17 Zela 7.11 (P. Raynor), 20 Hurry Up 7.11 (R. Reed), 3 Cotillion 7.9 (H. Gray), 9 Blended 7.9 (D. Anderson), 21 Goldconder 7.9 (C. Owens), 18 Tunatau 7.9 (C. Sinclair), 5 Hessian 7.9 (H. Smith).
Won easily by two lengths, a length between second and third. Utawai was fourth. Time, 1min 7 3-5sec.

HACK STEEPLCHASE of 150sovs. Two miles.
2—L. H. Collinson's br g Gaekwar, by Ghoorka—Phyllis, aged, 11.10 (A. McDonald) 1
9—J. O'Donnell's ch g King's Park, aged, 9.7 (Stan. Reid) 2
6—J. W. Fitzpatrick's br g Dunrobin, aged, 10.11 (F. Tutchen) 3
Also started: 4 Foeman 11.0 (Burt), 1 Tirau 10.3 (J. Roach), 3 Kurnalpi 10.2 (A. Ward), 8 Advancer 9.13 (R. McSeweeney), 10 Lady Renown 9.11 (J. Tilsley), 5 Juan 9.9 (A. Lawrence), 7 Hoatu 9.7 (W. D. Young), 11 Martinello 9.7 (Holman).
Lady Renown fell at the initial obstacle, while Tirau, Foeman, Kurnalpi and Hoatu ran inside the inner flag going out of the straight the last time. Foeman eventually won by five lengths